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LED THE GAMBLERS.
 A DEMOCRATIC OFFICIAL SECURED \$2,500
 FROM THEM.
 HE HELD UP A LONG BRANCH RESORT—THAT IS
 WHY JOHN H. PATTERSON'S RESOLUTION
 DISAPPEARED SO MYSTERIOUSLY.

Frederick, Oct. 17 (Special).—The sudden and mysterious disappearance of a resolution presented by John H. Patterson to the Democratic County Convention, held here two weeks ago, has been a continuing source of speculation since. Mr. Patterson's prominence as a Democrat—he having been a member of Congress and a keeper of the State Prison—it was thought, entitled him to a respectful hearing in that convention, but he failed to get it. It is true that C. Ewing Patterson, a brother of the ex-Congressman, was a candidate for County Clerk, and that his defeat was certain. The way his defeat was brought about at the primaries had been a trouble for the convention days before it met, and it is now said that the finger of John H. Patterson overlooked in the resolution which he offered. The resolution in effect stated that the "high official of Monmouth County" had demanded a suit from the members at Long Beach, and demanded an investigation.

Although the convention declined to consider the resolution, it set people to guessing and wondering what was behind it. Mr. Patterson, it was agreed, was not the man to make such an allegation against his own party and his own people. The resolution was, therefore, the proof to sustain so serious an allegation as his resolution contained. An investigation was quietly set in motion by a leading county Republican here, and the result, which is made known here for the first time to-day, is that the "high official of Monmouth County" alluded to on August 1st, visited an alleged gambling place at Long Beach, and paid for the privilege of employing the sum of \$1,000 as the price of

The "high official of Monmouth County" was at first rebuffed, but was persistent and threatening, and he was so exultantly in a position to make trouble that he received \$2,000.

The present measures—the fixing of the day and the sum of money and the absolute certainty of the identity of the "high Monmouth County official"—were given to-day, and it is certain that preliminary measures are now being taken to call this official to account.

It is alleged, but not with the same exactness of detail, that the primary at Asbury Park was

taken away from C. Ewing Patterson by the use of a part of the money obtained from the gamblers just mentioned. Neptune Township was a Patterson stronghold, as called, and yet the Patterson delegates were defeated there. The stir which the discovery of the misconduct of the "high official of Monmouth County" will cause bodes no good to the Democratic ticket.

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PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD IN SESSION.

DR. HOLLIFIELD, OF NEWARK, ELECTED MODERATOR—SERMON BY DR. ERLMAN.

Asbury Park, Oct. 11 (Special).—The seventy-seventh annual session of the Presbyterian Synod of New Jersey opened this afternoon in the First Presbyterian Church and will continue until Thursday. There were over two hundred members and delegates present. The Rev. Dr. Albert Erdman, of Morristown, moderator, preached a sermon on "The Church of God." Then followed the Lord's Supper.

The Rev. Dr. A. Nelson Holmfist, pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church, of Newark, was elected moderator. The delegates were welcomed to Asbury Park by the Rev. Dr. George J. Minge, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, of this place. This evening the session of the Synod was devoted to home missions, and an address was delivered on this subject by the Rev. Dr. Howard Agnew of New York City.

The whole number of communicants in the Synod is about sixty-nine thousand, and about ninety thousand Sunday school pupils. There are 29 Christian Endeavor societies in the Synod, with over eleven thousand active members. The colored people of the Synod are 11,000. There are 16,000 soldiers and sailors.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL FOR JERSEY CITY.

IT IS PROPOSED TO ERECT A \$300,000 BUILDING.

A new high school building will be erected in Jersey City. Mayor Hoos and the Finance Commissioners had a conference yesterday, and it was decided to proceed at once under the act authorizing the city to lease bonds in the sum of \$300,000 for a high school building, but to limit the cost of site and building to that amount. The Finance Board will unite with the Board of Education in an early vote on the proposition. The present high school building has been overcrowded for ten years. The construction has been deferred be-

cause primary schools were badly needed, but they have been supplied, and few cities in the Union can surpass Jersey City so far as school accommodations are concerned. Ex-Mayor Wanser is entitled to the credit of starting the building of new schools, as he secured the legislation which enabled the city to spend \$500,000 for primary schools. Mayor Hoos, who served in the Board of Education, is an earnest advocate of ample school facilities.

DISPERSED BY A BROOMSTICK.

THIEVES ROB ONE HOUSE, BUT FLEE FROM
ANOTHER, AND ARE CAPTURED.

Matawan, Oct. 17 (Special).—Five tramps broke into the home of William Webb, between Matawan and Keyport, this morning, and looted the place, taking clothing and jewelry. They afterward attempted to break into other houses, but were unsuccessful. At the house of Mrs. William Kelly, on the other side of Keyport, they remained with-

By this time the community was aroused, and word was sent to Sheriff Fields, at Freehold, who sent Constable Edams with orders to round up the thieves. Assisted by Constable James Walling and fifteen citizens, most of them armed with revolvers, he began the chase. The tramps were found in a small woods east of Matawan. Bounding the

woods on one side is a cornfield and on the other a deep ravine. The posse surrounded the woods and ordered the tramps to surrender. The tramps all ran to the shelter of the cornfield. The posse fired a volley and made a rush for the cornfield. The officers then cornered their men, and after a desperate encounter they were handcuffed. The tramps were taken to the Freehold jail to-night.

DIED SOON AFTER HIS WIFE.

DEATH OF JOSEPH WOOD, WHO WAS WOOD PASSENGER
ON THE OLD LOCOMOTIVE JOHN BULL.

Red Bank, Oct. 17 (Special).—Joseph Wood,

said to have been the oldest locomotive engineer in the United States, died here to-day at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William J. Sickles, in Monmouth-st. He lacked three months of being ninety years old. He was born in Bordentown. At the age of seventeen he was employed on the Superior, a steamboat plying between New York and Philadelphia. The John

Between Bordentown and Philadelphia. The Bull locomotive was sent to America from England in 1831. On November 12 of that year a trial trip of the engine was made over a mile track at Bordentown. Isaac Dripps was the engineer and Mr. Wood was the wood passer. The old engine is now on exhibition in the National Museum at Washington. Mr. Wood was afterward engineer on the Camden and Amboy road, and from 1841 to 1859 on the Philadelphia and Camden road.

engineer for the New Jersey Transportation Company. During the war, from 1861 to 1864, he was employed by the Government as superintendent of water supplies for engines running south from Alexandria. After he left railroading he brought out a number of important inventions, including a steam locomotive whistle, a sand pipe, and a frog for railroad tracks. Mr. Wood was active in church and temperance work, and for many years was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

trustee of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife died about three weeks ago, and he leaves, besides his daughter, two sons, James, of Jersey City, and John, of New-York, both of whom are locomotive engineers.

TO TEST THE TIME LIMIT OF A TICKET.

The Erie Railroad has a peculiar lawsuit on

The Erie railroad made a special effort to hand to test the time limit of a ticket. Gustav Madler, a business man of Paterson, who lives at Allendale, travels on a monthly ticket. The last ticket expired on Saturday night, and this caused the trouble. Mr. Madler took his seat in the car to go home at 12:18. At 12:30 the conductor came in and asked him to take the ticket, saying that

ation and refused to take the car, saying that it had expired twenty minutes previously. As Mr. Madler refused to pay fare, he was put off the train. Then he returned to the car, paid his fare and proceeded home. He has employed Munson Force to sue the Erie company for damages, holding that the ticket was good until the morning following that on which it was refused.

A CHURCH FIFTY YEARS OLD.
Flemington, Oct. 17 (Special).—The Cherryville Baptist Church to-day began a four days' celebration of its fiftieth anniversary. The address of welcome was delivered by the Rev. A. E. Finn, pastor of the church. This evening the Rev. J. Robinson,

The church was organized on October 2, 1849, by Edward R. Hera, a missionary appointed by the New Jersey Baptist State Convention. There were forty-nine members. The total number added to the church since the beginning is 490. The present

membership 150. The church has had nine pas-
tors.